

70 more non-local pull down JCILPS supporter at Sekmai area for not producing valid documents and ID Cards



Iron Lady Sharmila fed up with peoples' response to her movement

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Imphal, July 26: Iron Lady Irom Chanu, who has been undergoing a fast-unto-death protest for the last 16 years today said that she is fed up with the peoples' response to her movement and now she had decided to change strategy of her agitation. "I have decided to change strategy, I will stop fast-unto-death protest and will contest the election as independent candidate with one agenda to repeal AFSPA", Irom Sharmila said to media after coming out from the court room of Chief Judicial magistrate Imphal West L. Tonsing. On being asked on when she will stop her fast, the Iron Lady said she will make the announcement on August 9, where another hearing for her case is scheduled. "I don't care whether they finish the case or continue but I will change the strategy", a



'I have decided to stop fast-unto-death protest, will contest election'

frustrated Sharmila said. Shamila expressed dissatisfaction with the politicians who had failed to listen to her demand for repeal of AFSPA, to the Civil Society Organisation who had failed to show solidarity to the protest she has been underway for the past several years, she also expressed anger over the utilization of under age students by the civil society organization to

politicians", Sharmila added. "A Manipur Police Commando had confessed on how he had killed Sanjit in broad day light and the issue is now kept under blanket with no civil society coming up. My protest could have been fulfilled at the time when the police Commando, Herojit made media confession had the people come up with unitedly instead of luring to the temptation made by

politicians", Sharmila added. The new development had stunned the human rights activists of the state but lifted a burden from Okram Ibobi Singh led Congress government. "It is a bit of a surprise. We are trying to get in touch with her for more details," said Babloo Loitongbom, an activist close to her. In the past, Sharmila always refused to end her fast saying

that there is no question of dropping it till the AFSPA is withdrawn.

It was in November 2000 when Sharmila began a hunger strike to protest against the gunning down by the Assam Rifles of 10 civilians waiting at a bus stop at Malom near Imphal airport. She is demanding the repeal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act, which gives unbridled powers to the armed forces, practically giving them a "right to kill". Earlier in July, the Supreme Court asserted that the situation in Manipur has "never been one of war". The apex court directed a thorough probe into alleged fake encounter killings there, saying the use of "excessive or retaliatory force" by the armed forces or police was not permissible in 'disturbed areas' under the draconian AFSPA.

CM calls on to face elements threatening sovereignty on Kargil Vijay Diwas day

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Imphal, July 26: "Each and every one of us must face any elements threatening the sovereignty and integrity of the nation", said Chief Minister O Ibobi speaking on the Kargil Vijay Diwas observance at 1st Manipur Rifle battalion Banquet Hall. In his speech, the Chief Minister stated that Kargil Vijay Diwas commemorates the courage of Indian Army who had sacrificed their life and their victory over Pakistan during the Operation Vijay. Among the martyrs who fought at the Kargil War, 7 were from Manipur. They are Lance Naik Kaleshore, Sepoy Charles Nicholas Moyon, Sepoy Beningvir Moyon, Lance Nayak Birneithang, Sepoy Zamkholal Vaipei, Sepoy Kapani Asuli and Sepoy Daikho Mao. Their sacrifice shows the courage and dignity for being among the Indian state, he added. "We must remember the heroic deeds of these soldiers that have left a path for us to walk on with our heads holding high. These martyrs deserve to be honoured by all," Ibobi stated. We all must face any elements or individuals threatening the sovereignty and integrity of our state and must not forget that we are Indians and India is our country, he added. Taking the opportunity of



today's function, Chief Minister O Ibobi urged all to take a firm stand together to counter those elements threatening the sovereignty and integrity of the nation and also to safeguard its unity. Ministers, Parliamentary Secretary, MLAs, High Ranking Police Personals and Army personals including ex-servicemen attended today's Kargil Vijay Diwas observance. Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed to pay homage to those Indian Army soldiers who had sacrificed their lives in the Operation Vijay of 1999.

No let up in ILPS protest: rally, sit-in-protest, fast-unto-death protest continues

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Imphal, July 26: Student agitators demanding ILPS and lifting of wanted tag to JCILPS former convenor Kh Ratan today confronted at various places. At around 11 am large number of students in school uniform confronted the police team after they were prevented from staging rally in between Konung Mamang to Sanjenthong area. Police personnel who were already on alert at the area, thwart the students of CC Higher Secondary School from moving towards Raj Bhawan and the chief minister's bungalow area where they were detained at Sanjenthong Bridge. Students raised slogans and marched on the road disrupting traffic flow. Police resorted to firing tear gas shells as the students did not pay attention to requests to clear the road. Students of three schools, CC Higher Secondary School, TG Higher Secondary School and Ananda Singh Higher Secondary School took out the procession demanding immediate implementation of the ILPS in the state and withdrawal of Wanted tag on Kh Ratan. Police fired tear gas

canisters and resorted to baton charging. Some students sustained injuries during the police firing of tear gas canisters and lathi charge. Police also manage to whisk away several other students only to be released far away. Police are patrolling the trouble prone areas to maintain law and order. There have been demands from many circles to re-implement the Inner Line permit saying that the number of non-locals coming to settle in Manipur is increasing. At around 3 pm, large numbers of student of Johnstone Higher Secondary School also marches towards Keisampat

and stage a silent protest on the road seeking implementation of the Inner Line Permit System. Meanwhile, a team of Bashikhong Primary Health Center, Imphal East evacuated three students namely from Jotinkumar of Liberal College, Thokchom Leonardo of CC Higher Secondary School and Ningthoujam Linthoi of Lamlong Higher Secondary School who were undertaking fast unto death protest at Singjamei Kshetri Leikai yesterday around 10 pm after their health condition deteriorated but they somehow manage to escape from JNIMS hospital where

they have been put up for treatment and return to the protest site at around 10:30 am today unfortunately they were prevented from taking further protest by the local club members and meira paibis due to their health condition. Another two students namely Rohen Khaidem (14) s/o Rome Khaidem of Kwakeithel Akham Leikai, studying at Manipur Public School in Class IX and Ricken Thingujam (16) s/o The Doran of Singjamei Wangma Kshetri Leikai, studying at Ananda Singh Higher Secondary School in Class X have volunteered to continue the fast-unto-death protest since morning 9 am, today.



On the other hand, three students namely Preety, Miranda of class IX and Anandi of Class X of Ibotsonana Girls Higher Secondary School were hospitalised at JNIMS as their health deteriorated at around 2:30 pm today.

Oinam Sawbung clubs and Meira Paibi alleges collection of money for food security cards

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Imphal, July 26: Meira Paibi Development Association and Oinam Sawbung Youth Citizen Organisation has stated that some villagers of Sawbung area had collected a sum of Rs. 200/- and Rs. 300/- from the people of Oinam Sawbung area for providing them food security card under the National Food Security Act.

An emergency meeting of the organization was held today at the office premises of the DDAM at Oinam Sawbung Youth Citizen Organisation (OSYCO) to discuss the issue as those deposited money to get the food security card still do not get the card till today. The meeting resolved to urged the concern authority to clarify on whether the said amount collected for food

security card is compulsory or not. It also questioned the counselor of the village on why the poor beneficiaries who are entitled to get the card are still deprived of their right. On the other hand the two organization appealed speedy implementation of the NFSA and to ensure the allotted share to all the beneficiary without delay.

New Delhi, July 26: The Centre has issued notification for the implementation of 7th Pay Commission. With the issuance of notification, 4.8 million central government employees and 5.2 million pensioners will get the increased payout from their August salaries. The Cabinet had approved the recommendations made by the 7th Pay Commission in June. The 7th Pay Commission hike will result in increase in salaries in the range of 7 thousand rupees to 18

thousand rupees per month. A fitment factor of 2.57 would apply for pay revision of all employees and the rate of annual increment has been retained at three per cent. The government has announced that CBSE chief Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi will be given additional charge of chief of the implementation cell of the Seventh Central Pay Commission. The pay panel had in November last year recommended 14.27 per cent hike in basic pay at junior levels.

The Commission recommended changes in the pay of around 1 crore individuals which includes 33 lakh central government employees, 14 lakh armed forces personnel, and 52 lakh pensioners. It is estimated that the total burden on the exchequer on account of the 7th Pay Commission recommendation will be 1.02 lakh crore rupees in 2016-17. There will be an additional impact of 12,133 crore rupees on arrears and of salary and pension for two months.

Manipur Maoist Communist Party etc regulations for RTI related activities

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Imphal, July 26: Maoist Communist Party Manipur (MCPM) today flays misused of Right to Information Act (RTI) as a tool to earn money by various individuals. In a press statement, the outfit said that the issue will be looked upon seriously as the act which is a source of information for the welfare of the people might become a danger to our society. The Maoist statement also expressed serious concern to the attack to RTI activists. It said the outfit condemn

lobbing of bomb at the residence of an RTI activist from Phumlou village, Imphal West by a gang of gunmen in support of a Pradhan. Terming the development as unfortunate, the outfit said that it will now monitor on RTI activities at every government establishment. The statement also stated that a man called Kiran from Haobam Marak who is presently at his last wife's residence at Hiyangthang had asked a bundle of questions to the department of Horticulture and then a few

days later withdrew his query through a statement. Evidently it reveals that the bureaucrat looter of the Horticulture had been looted again by the blackmailer as an emolument with a bundle of money. Many other sincere RTI activists are degraded and defamed with no values by persons like Kiran who are disgraceful and unaware of shame that become RTI activists and trading in the name of truthfulness like as too many cooks spoil the food. The statement said that it is high time for the formation and enactment of new bylaws

essentially before the coming of a stage of absolute declination and dilapidated structure caused by such rude nature of such activists. The Maoist also sets rules and regulations for utilising regulations. It said all questions asked and the reply provided should be forwarded to the MCPM without delay through email. It also stated that every further steps and acts should be made known to the Party. The Maoist further invited suggestions from the public in regards to the proposal made.

Centre to send team to assess damage caused by floods in Assam

Guwahati, July 26: The Centre will soon send a team to assess the damage caused by floods in Assam. Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh had a telephonic conversation with Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today to get an update on the current flood situation. Calling on behalf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mr. Singh assured all Central helps to the state. This was informed by state Water Resource minister Keshab Mahanta in the state Assembly today. The Assam government has

said relief and rescue measure in flood hit areas is the priority of the government at present. Making a statement in state assembly today, Parliamentary Affairs minister Chandra Mohan Patowary said Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal will take up the matter of release of water from Bhutan's Kurisu dam with the Centre. The release of water of the dam reportedly submerged several areas in Lower Assam. The Minister said that the Chief Minister has instructed all Deputy Commissioners of affected

districts to remain vigilant. AIR correspondent quoting official sources says, nearly 13 lakh people are reeling under the fury of flood in 18 districts. Over two thousand villages are affected in the current floods. Two world heritage sites, the Kaziranga and Manas national parks have also been submerged in flood water. District administration has set up more than 200 relief camps and intensified relief measures. The army, National and State Disaster Response Force teams have been deployed for relief and rescue works.